

## Amendments to the Specification

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Suction catheter assemblies are disposable, single-patient items so it is important that their cost is low. The cost of the valve contributes a significant part to the overall cost of the assembly so it is important that this can be made at low cost whilst also operating efficiently with low risk of blockage and leakage. Various forms of suction control valves have been described previously such as in ~~US-5269728~~ US5269768, US 5300043, US 4569344, US 4638539, US 4836199, US 4872579, US 5277177 and US 5215522. There are also applications other than closed system suction catheters where similar forms of valves are required.